

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **ATTN: BOX CPA**  
Jean-Marie SAINT-REMY et al. : Docket No. 00292/Case 16.77.US  
Serial No. 09/362,731 : IPD/0010-216  
Filed July 29, 1999 : Group Art Unit 1633  
 : Examiner C. Stroup  
**COMPOUND AND METHOD FOR THE  
PREVENTION AND/OR THE TREATMENT  
OF ALLERGY** : **THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.**



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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants intend to file a preliminary paper in the new application responding to the grounds of rejection in the last Official Action.

The Examiner is kindly requested to postpone the issuance of first Official Action in the new application while Applicants prepare this preliminary paper.

It would be helpful to the Applicants if the Examiner would provide the Applicants' undersigned representative with an indication of the Examiner's deadline for issuing a first Official

Action, if the preliminary paper has not been filed by the time the Examiner takes up the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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